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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

Surgeon White detailed for duty in connection with the sanitation of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

With the consent of the Guatemalan Government, obtained through the Department of State, Surg. J. H. White was detailed, March 11, to consult with the officials of the United Fruit Company at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, relative to measures to be taken to sanitize that port.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd authorized to assume duties of a sanitary director at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

On the request of the Government of Ecuador, transmitted through the American minister at Quito, Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd was authorized, March 21, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to assume the duties of director of sanitary work to combat plague in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, February 8: Week ended February 8. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. To restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on November 2 the following have been added:

Dutch Indies: Arrivals from Hongkong, or vessels having called there, are subject to 5 days' quarantine from date of departure or of last plague case on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and bristles, untanned hides and hides salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from or transhipped at Hongkong; also tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

Quarantinable disease: Smallpox, 46 cases, 29 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bill of health, 6.

COSTA RICA.

Report from San José—Quarantine declared at Punta Arenas against Antofagasta, Chile, and Peruvian ports on account of plague.

Consul Caldwell reports, February 29:

Owing to the existence of bubonic plague at Antofagasta, Chile, and in Peru, the Government of Costa Rica has declared quarantine at

Punta Arenas against these places. Vessels arriving from Antofagasta, or from Peruvian ports, must be thoroughly inspected on arrival at Punta Arenas, and if any case of plague has occurred during the voyage they are not to be allowed to enter the port or hold any communication with the shore or to land passengers or cargo. If no case has occurred, all cargo from said ports capable of conveying rats, as hay, straw, packing, etc., and also the baggage of passengers, must be at once disinfected at the pier.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillan reports, March 21:

Week ended March 21.

Vessels inspected.....	3
Vessels inspected and fumigated.....	2
Bills of health issued.....	5
Members of crews inspected.....	159
Members of crews inspected taken on at this port.....	1

No yellow fever case had been reported this week in the city, district, or province, and no quarantinable disease entered the port during the week.

Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thomas reports, March 23:

Week ended March 21.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	22
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued.....	8
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	885
Members of crews of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	536
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1, 196
Passengers of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	340
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	6

During this period no quarantinable disease was reported from any point in the island of Cuba.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, March 23:

Week ended March 21. Bills of health granted to 4 vessels clearing for the United States in good sanitary condition.

No quarantinable diseases have been reported.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, March 17:

Week ended March 14. Bills of health issued to 4 vessels bound for the United States and its dependencies. No vessel was fumigated. No quarantinable disease was reported during the week.